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Intimations.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Exchange Banks will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1904, respectively.
Hongkong, December 29, 1903. 2620

THE FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.
NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

It is hereby notified that the Fire Insurance Office will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1904, respectively.
By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary.
Hongkong, December 29, 1903. 2630

NEW YEAR EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE S.S. Wing Chai will run an Excursion Trip to Macao on NEW YEAR'S DAY, starting from Hongkong at 8.30 a.m., returning at 7.30 p.m.
MING-ON & CO.,
Hongkong, December 29, 1903. 2618

NOTICE.

AN OLD ALLEMANIAN DINNER will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 13th JANUARY, 1904, at the HONGKONG HOTEL.
The undersigned will receive names of any Old Allemanians who have not yet been communicated with.
H. ARTHUR, Care of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Hongkong, December 29, 1903. 2628

NOTICE.

THE Date of Closing of Entries for the FORTHCOMING RACES has been POSTPONED from the 9th JANUARY to SATURDAY, 16th.
By Order, T. F. ROUGH, Clerk of the Course.
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LOST.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

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9 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.
Goods per *Charles Thierstein* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Gregory* *dieter* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, January 2.—
Goods per *Glendy* not cleared on this date subject to rent.
Goods per *He* left undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Macdon* not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, January 5.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Handsome Household Furniture, &c., at Mr V. I. Rendell's Sales Rooms.
Goods per *Ava* *Mary* not cleared on this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Budonic* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, January 6.—
9 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.
Goods per *Polgar* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Paterno* not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, January 10.—
9 p.m.—A Concert of Hongkong Volunteer Corps at City Hall.



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NEW YEAR

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MARRIAGE.

On Nov. 12, at Cambridge, Canada, son of the late Joseph Lawrence, Walton-on-Thames, to Mabel, daughter of Prof. H. A. Giles, of Selwyn-gardens, Cambridge.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.40 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1903.

THE year that has just passed has been blessed by the absence of History. No very startling events have broken the even tenor of its way. The British Empire has not been at peace, but the Empire never is at peace all at once. Yet the military operations in Southland and Venezuela have been slight and likely to be memorable only for resulting benefits. Our foreign relations have been uniformly amicable, and treaties or agreements have been undertaken with China, France and Italy, from which there should follow greater stability in international peace and lessened opportunities for disagreement. One question is at rest that has been for seven years an irritating thorn in the side of the Empire. The award of the Arbitration Commission on the frontier between the United States territory of Alaska and our own lands in Western Canada has been disappointing in compelling the cession of a couple of small islands to which Canadians attached a perhaps exaggerated importance, but an unsatisfactory settlement is better than none. If Mr Rufus Choate's graceful suggestion be adopted and the name of Mount Heriot given to one of the boundary peaks, it will recall a diplomatic triumph equally honourable to the ambassador who engineered it and the great nations which disinterestedly sought and loyally accepted a judicial decision on a question of the sort that in former ages might have landed them in a costly and fratricidal war. At home, the movement for fiscal reform, for the attainment of free trade by arming our government with the power of enforcing retaliatory tariffs, has been forced dramatically to the front. We now know that before

the African tour of reconciliation, he had laid the mine which has exploded to the disruption of a strong and united government. The Cabinet was at once ranged into two sections, the larger admitting that a remedy or a palliative for blackness of British trade might be found in tariff changes, while a minority, small in number but of substantial weight and authority, adhered stoutly to the established doctrines of Free Trade. As soon as the Premier had definitely pronounced an opinion, not entirely satisfactory to either side, the rupture came. The leaders on both sides withdrew, Mr. Chamberlain to press his prescription vehemently upon the nation, ploughing a lone furrow, while the Duke, Mr. Ritchie and the rest opposed him more or less languidly. Europe has been at peace. There has been a drawing together of France and Great Britain, which is highly creditable to the responsible people in both countries, and there can be no doubt that King Edward's visits to Portugal, Italy, Austria and France and the exchange of visits by President Loubet and the Kings of Italy and Portugal have helped to promote a better feeling all round. The death of Pope Leo XIII. made far less stir than might have been expected from the removal of one who held a position unique among European princes. The influence that he had exerted during his long reign had been continually peaceful and orderly one, and so uniform was it that the succession of Pius X. found no changes to be made, no tangles to unwind, and no policy to reverse. Far different was the case in Serbia, where the Obrenovitch dynasty was blotted out in blood. The inner history of the events that led to that tragedy will probably remain unpublished as long as those that culminated in the murder of Sultan Abdul Aziz twenty years ago, but the immediate effect of the crowning horror presses on the Serbian nation, and shadows the confusion that always hangs over the Balkan States in a cloud of blood and flame. Macedonia has given the causes of anxiety that continually arise among a mixed population of different faiths and nationalities, semi-civilized, semi-starved and

altogether lawless. The concert of Europe has delegated to Russia and Austria the task of impressing upon the Porte the adoption of palliative reforms, but the situation is still far from reassuring. The death of Lord Salisbury removed from the scene nearly the last of the great statesmen of mid-Victorian times, leaving the Duke of Devonshire as the only representative of those who stood in the front rank during the '70s. Next to the two great protagonists, Gladstone and Beaconsfield, the Marquis stood easily foremost among diplomatists possessing a European reputation, and up to his retirement in 1902, had a record of thirty years of magnificent service. Most of the statesmen of to-day are coming men, and it is much to hope for if we expect ever to find his match among them. For the past three months, there have been daily rumours of an impending ultimatum from Japan to Russia. All students of Far Eastern politics hope fervently that no such menace to progress and prosperity may become an accomplished fact. But there is no blinking the certainty that it cannot be avoided save by giving the Muscovite yet a little more to which he has not the shadow of an equitable claim. For two years, Russia has been 'evacuating' Manchuria by tightening her hold on that country, and it is now abundantly obvious that she has been steadily encroaching on Corea also. Japan might see Russia in full possession of Manchuria and remain reluctantly acquiescent, but a Russian Corea, dangerously close to her own gates, would be a serious menace, with ports far superior to ice-bound Vladivostok and tempestuous Dalny.

Of progress in China there is little to chronicle. The Empress-Dowager is still the ruling power at Peking whatever she may be in the provinces, where there always prevails a state bordering on insurrection. Viceroy Shun, who succeeded to the Viceroyalty of the Two Kwang, was heralded with hopeful anticipation by foreigners, who saw in the appointment of this wise, honest and progressive official earnest of a desire to place the rule of the Southern Provinces upon a higher plane, and to pave the way for reforms of a permanent character. The new Viceroy addressed himself to the suppression of the rebellious movement in Kwangsi, which partakes more of the nature of freebooting than organized rebellion. In a country where truth is rare, it is difficult to estimate the full extent of the movement or the measure of success of the Viceroy's troops. But it may be said with safety that there is no danger to the dynasty in the 'Kwangsi Rebel' lion. Sham's reforms have met with much opposition from his official colleagues. That was to be expected. During the year, the inhabitants of Kwangsi suffered from a terrible famine. Human flesh was sold by the butchers, and thousands of women and children were sold into slavery. Succour was organised by the missionaries, and help was sent from Hongkong, and the United States, the Governor of Hongkong taking the unusual step of detaching a local official to visit the famine district and to assist in the distribution of the Hongkong Fund. Throughout China, progress is being made with various railway schemes. One of the most important events of the year was the opening of the railway between Canton and Foshan, a branch line of the Yueh-han Railway, which is being built by American and Belgian speculators. The railway, though operated under very poor conditions, is being patronised largely by the Chinese, and there is good reason to hope, from the success of this experimental line, that the southern Chinese will maintain their reputation for progress and will take the fullest advantage of the railway system. The introduction of railways is the first step towards the real opening up of this rich country, and with a uniform currency on a fixed basis and the strict observance of the new treaties China would advance in prosperity with leaps and bounds.

Here in Hongkong the most important event of this year has been the transference of Sir Henry A. Blake to the government of Ceylon. It has been our fate on several occasions to find ourselves in outspoken opposition to particular actions of the government. Such a state of affairs must frequently rear when a Colony with necessarily dominant white population and a large native race is ruled more or less intelligently from Downing Street, by a staff of permanent officials who have their

magnificently-trained intelligence as a substitute of local experience, but for none of their misunderstandings and shortcomings have we ever attached courage to the Governor. We hope and anticipate a prosperous and distinguished term of service for Sir Matthew Nathan. In the meanwhile, the Government is being administered by Mr F. H. May, an official, who, by his sterling honesty of purpose and able work in various appointments, has earned the highest esteem of the community. The announcement of his appointment as interim Governor was received with unanimous approval, and during the few weeks His Excellency and Mrs May have occupied Government House they have added to the respect and esteem that was already theirs. There have been few changes in official life. Sir William Gascoigne was succeeded in the command of the garrison by General Villiers Hatton. During their stay in the Colony, General and Lady Gascoigne maintained the high traditions of Headquarters House. Captain Murray Rumsey, Harbour Master, went home on leave preparatory to resigning the Colonial service. The social event of the year was the wedding of Miss Blake to her father's A.D.C., Captain Arbutnot. In the Legislative Council, Mr Gresham Stewart succeeded Mr C. S. Sharp and Mr H. E. Pollock, K.C., was elected by the Chamber of Commerce as their representative during Mr R. Shewman's absence. Mr Pollock and Mr Ahmet Ruzjahn were also elected by popular franchise to the Sanitary Board, to which Mr E. A. Hewett was appointed in the place of Mr E. Osborne, at present on leave. The most important piece of legislation during the year was the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, and in the application of this far-reaching measure, coupled with the working of an Improvement Trust it is proposed to institute, the Colony's sanitary condition should be improved enormously. Unfortunately, the Colony suffered from an alarming outbreak of serious crime, but the vigilance of the police, the wise administration of the law by the inferior and superior courts, and the application of the powers of deportation vested in the Governor have had the effect of ridding the Colony of many hardened criminals. We are pleased to be able to state that substantial progress has been made with several public works that will be of permanent value to the Colony, such as the new Post Office, the new Law Courts, the Gravitation Water Supply at Kowloon, and the extension of the water storage at Tai Lam. The annual plague epidemic ran its usual course, the only marked features being the larger number of Europeans attacked and the lower percentage of fatalities. Before he left the Colony, Sir Henry Blake opened a new branch of the Tung Wah Hospital, the Jubilee Hospital on Barker Road, and the Jubilee Road.

From a commercial point of view, the year has not fulfilled the hopes which were entertained of it at the commencement. It is true that a very considerable increase in Exchange took place (though that has since largely been lost), but this has tended to restrict mercantile business on account of the uncertainty it engenders. It is practically impossible to enter into forward mercantile contracts when Exchange fluctuates so wildly and traders do not know whether they may expect the rate of Exchange to be one shilling and sixpence or one shilling and tenpence. This uncertainty does not apply to purely mercantile business only but is also felt in the Share Market. There is but little doubt that investments in local Shares were largely realised by prudent holders when Exchange stood, in the autumn, in the neighbourhood of one shilling and tenpence, and the money was remitted home and converted into a medium which afforded greater safety and security than silver. This capital may, or may not come back to the Colony; possibly it will if the rate of Exchange shows signs of rising. The prevailing depression should be a salutary lesson to those who, early in the year, opposed the inquiry into the state of currency here. Freights during the year have ruled lower than has been known for many years past, and a reference to the Share lists for values of Shipping Companies' shares will show that local shipbuilding is an unremunerative business. The shipping industry, on which the prosperity of this Colony depends, is in an evil plight, and with the increasing competition of subsidized steamers and general dulness of trade there is no improvement to be looked for except in the event of war in the

north. Both the Import and Export trades have felt the evil effects of the uncertain currency, and the year will be remembered as a very poor one, there being a considerable reduction in the volume of business as well as in results. The opening of the Canton-Hankow Railway is looked forward to as heralding better things in both branches of trade, but it is certain that unless Hongkong is connected with Canton before very long rival ports will spring up, to the permanent injury of this Colony. The exception to the general rule of depression is to be found in the banking world, where profits are reported to be record ones, due, doubtless, to the fluctuations in Exchange. Hope springs eternal, and so we turn from the gloom of the past to the brighter things of the future. With the gradual development of railway construction in China, Hongkong ought to get its share, if enterprise is not altogether dead and the community realises its possibilities. In closing this review of the year we take the opportunity of wishing our constituents

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Lieut. B. W. Paul, The Sherwood Foresters, has resigned his commission.

Sir William Dea Young, formerly Governor of Hongkong, is at present in India.

The steamer *Sibilly*, 125 feet in length, has been launched at Sandakan for the Salak Steamship Company.

The people of Sandakan, North Borneo, are giving a banquet to the Governor as a mark of their appreciation of his service to the State.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Jessie Lady Horiot Maitland and his Excellency the Prince of Formosa, says the *L. and C. Express*.

Captain J. B. Jarline, D.S.O., 11th Lancers, and Captain C. A. L. Yate, King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry), are seconded whilst attached to the Japanese Army.

German Naval Cadet Hissener, who is undergoing a sentence of two years' imprisonment for causing the death of a private soldier at Essen, has been dismissed from the Service.

Mr William Henry Clark, of the Board of Trade, has had the Order of St. Michael and St. George conferred upon him for services in connection with the negotiation of a commercial treaty with China.

Extraordinary reports are current, as to the death of Princess Elizabeth of Hesse. It is said that strychnine has been found in the Royal larders at Skierwiec, and that several persons, including the Tsar's cook, have been arrested.

Tunnicliffe, the Yorkshire cricketer, realised about £1600 from his benefit match last season. Hirst, at present in Australia, takes his benefit this year, the match Yorkshire v. Lancashire, at Leeds, being set apart by the County Committee.

The many friends of Mr J. J. B. Heemskerk in Hongkong and the Far East will doubtless be pleased to hear of his appointment as agent to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China at Hamburg. Mr Heemskerk came out to the East when quite a young man, between thirty and forty years ago, and went to Japan. From Japan he moved down to Shanghai, where he went into partnership with Mr Peter McLean. He visited Germany and became partner and manager of a firm in Amsterdam, but returned to the East again. He established himself in business in Shanghai, and later on came down to Hongkong, where for the last ten years he has been actively engaged in business. He first joined the firm of H. S. Just and Co., Bill-brokers, and remained a partner until Mr Just returned to Europe, when he took over the business. Mr Grote joined him as a partner, and the firm was known as Heemskerk and Co. Mr Grote, it will be remembered, was some time ago appointed as second manager to the Deutsche Bank in Bremen. Mr Th. Christian is now carrying on the business in Hongkong.

To Break the Humdrum of Life.

The *North Borneo Herald* is running a "Court and Fashion" column. This is one of the paragraphs:—"On Thursday evening the Dec. 3rd, at 3 p.m. the infant child of Mr and Mrs Horton was baptised in St. Michael's church by Rev. W. H. Elton. A good attendance of Europeans witnessed the ceremony which is one that furnishes a break in the humdrum of life for calm and often remorseful reflection. Why doesn't someone get christened in Hongkong?"

Hire of a Ship.

At the Supreme Court this morning, before the Puisne Judge, His Honour A. G. Wise, the Hansaticke Dampier Compagnie obtained judgment against Messrs Wo Fat Sing and Co. for the sum of \$204 14 and costs, being balance of the hire of the s.s. *Emma Laylen*, under a charter party, dated 11th March last. Mr H. J. Geddes, of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the plaintiffs, and defendants were unrepresented in Court. A shipping clerk in the East Asiatic Trading Co., agents for the plaintiffs, proved the charter, and judgment was given as above.

North Borneo Finances.

The revenue of North Borneo is put down in the estimates for 1904 at \$975,000. Licenses contribute \$36,025 and Customs \$313,950. The expenditure chargeable to revenue is \$738,815, but, as about 13 per cent of this sum is placed to Capital Account on the ground of General Development of the Country, the actual sum estimated to be spent out of Revenue is \$226,000, leaving a probable divisible surplus of \$333,025. It is proposed to spend \$420,000 on the State Railways and \$147,000 on Public Works, roads and bridge paths; this latter expenditure being payable out of Capital. The Chartered Co. has raised debentures to the extent of £400,000 at 5 per cent. Within the last three years a sum of somewhat over \$200,000 has to go in interest to the debenture holders leaving about \$140,000 for the shareholders who, but for the last issue of debentures, might have received the 5 per cent dividend, which the Governor foreclosed some time ago.

Time and Money.

Sickness causes a loss of both time and money. You lose the time and have the expense of medical attendance, entailing a double loss. This can be avoided by using some reliable remedy at the first signs of the sickness. The purchase of a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy often proves a profitable investment, for by its use at the first appearance any unusual looseness of the bowels, a severe attack of diarrhoea or dysentery may be averted, that might otherwise compel a week's cessation from work. Every household should have a bottle at hand. It never fails and is pleasant to take. Get it today. It may save a life. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; Waxes Ltd., General Agents.

Story by Joseph Hocking.

On pages 2 and 3 of this issue will be found a complete short story by the popular novelist Joseph Hocking.

The Commodore's Cup.

The race for the Commodore's Cup will be sailed over course 3, as originally arranged. The race will start at 1 p.m.

Water Analysis.

The Government Analyst, Mr Frank Brown, laid a report on the table of the Sanitary Board this afternoon on the water in the 'Tyam', Cheung Sha Wan, Pokfulam, and Kowloon services, which showed the water to be of excellent quality.

Rats.

The rat return for the fortnight ended December 28, shows that 558 rats were caught in Victoria, of which 6 were infected with plague, and that 234 were captured in Kowloon, 3 being plague-infected, making a total of 792 caught, 9 infected. The percentage of infected rats was 1.108, as against .98, for the preceding fortnight, when 916 rats were caught.

Taikoo Sports.

The Thirteenth annual athletic meeting in connection with the Taikoo works will be held to-morrow, commencing at 12.30 p.m. Flat races, bicycle races, hurdles races and jumping will be indulged in, and a good day's enjoyment should be secured. Mr R. H. Stephenson, the hon. Secretary, has been energetic in his duties and hopes to have everything in tip-top order. During the afternoon the 110th Mahratta Light Infantry Band will play on the ground.

Russian Dock at Vladivostok.

It is reported that a new large dock is now ready at Vladivostok, and will be opened shortly. It has been built by the Russian Admiralty to meet the demands arising from the large increase in the number of Russian warships in the Far East. For the same purpose another dock of like dimensions is being constructed at Port Arthur. Besides these docks, where vessels of large size can undergo repair, the Russian Admiralty proposes to build ship-building yards and dock in the Far East where small vessels can be constructed.

Chinese Honours.

His Majesty the King has granted Mr Henry King, Commissioner in the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs Service, his Majesty's royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the First Class of the Third Division of the Imperial Chinese Order of the Double Dragon, conferred upon him by his Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China in recognition of valuable services rendered by him to his Imperial Majesty; unto Frederick Thomas Richards, Esq., Professor of Navigation, formerly in the Imperial Naval College at Fochow, and subsequently in the Imperial Naval College at Canton, his Majesty's royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Third Division of the Imperial Chinese Order of the Double Dragon, conferred upon him by his Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China in recognition of valuable services rendered by him to his Imperial Majesty.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Breaking Coconuts.

The North Borneo Herald gives a description of a machine for breaking coconuts. London Hottelians use a rock in a sock.

Church Service.

There will be a special 'watch night' service in St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road, this evening, commencing at 11 o'clock. All are invited.

Line-washing Return.

The line-washing return laid on the table at the Sanitary Board this afternoon showed that 273 houses were inspected and 777 washed during December, but there were no prosecutions or fines.

Old Alleynians.

It is proposed to hold an 'Old Alleynian' dinner in the Hongkong Hotel on Wednesday, the 13th of January. 'Old Alleynians' are invited to communicate with Mr H. Arthur, of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co.

A Japanese Worshipful Master.

Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese Ambassador in London, was, on Nov. 24, unanimously elected the next Worshipful Master of the Empire Lodge of Freemasons, No. 2,108.

Order of the Red Eagle.

The Imperial Herald, a Berlin telegram, announces the bestowal of the Order of the Red Eagle of the First Class on General Terachi, Japanese Minister of War, the same Order of the Third Class on Pastor Frisius, of the German Lutheran Church in Dalton, and the Order of the Crown of the First Class on Mr Koshi Sato, Governor of Yokohama.

Three Hundred Dead.

In a letter to Mr A. Tucker Wardrop, of Sandakan, Captain H. Port writes of the recent campaign in Sulu that if Americans have been giving the Sulus a pretty severe lesson and that the latter don't want to fight any more. The S. S. *Horizon* was mounted with 3 quickfiring guns on the fore-deck which cleared the bush whilst the troops landed. Captain Port counted three hundred dead himself. He adds in jest that he has been created a Bangliah for his services!

Larcenies from Silk Dealers.

The usual reports from Chinese silk and cloth dealers that certain larcenies have been committed are beginning to be received by the police. About the end of each year these reports come in with unfailing regularity. The usual complaint is that a tailor received certain articles of silk, etc., to be made up, and ran away with the goods. No guarantee is obtained from the tailor in the first instance, and when the balloo has cleared out the matter is reported to the police. These reports usually entail much work, necessitating inquiries being made all over the Colony. One such case has just been reported, but the alleged absconder has been arrested.

Band at King Edward Hotel.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and Officers, the Band of the 3rd Durpan Infantry will play the following programme of music at the above Hotel, during dinner, on today, the 31st instant (New Year's Eve) instead of Friday, as usual:—
March..... On the Rolling Deep..... Wilson
Overture..... The Song of the Sea..... Sullivan
Selection..... The Mikado..... Sullivan
Song..... The Caterpillar..... Carly
Selection..... Reminiscences of all Nations..... Godfrey
Lancers..... The Army and the Navy..... Ernest Allan
Vals..... Amoreux..... Berger
GOD SAVE THE KING.

Hockey.

A Hockey team from H.M.S. *Albion* played a draw with the Hongkong Hockey Club at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, each side scoring two goals. The game was fast and fairly even. *Albion* pressed at the start, but matters were soon equalised by the Club, and at half-time one goal each had been scored. *Albion* had slightly the better of matters in the second term, but only managed to notch one goal, which was replied to by one for the Club. De Veulle scored both the goals for the Club, while Greenwood and McFarland scored for the *Albion*. Teams were as follows:—H.K.H.C.: Craig, goal; Gibson and Harvey, backs; Hardy, Knyvet, halves; Darnell, Tulloch, Des Veulle, Stevens and Barnard, forwards. *Albion*: Boxer, goal; Boyle and Carne, backs; Blackman, Halahan, and Layard, halves; Warren, Hughes, McHardy, Royle, and Greenwood, forwards.

PUBLISHER.—Your narrative is much too bold. Author.—Very well: I will introduce some hair-raising incidents.

What is a Cough?

A SPASMOTIC effort to expel the mucus from the bronchial tubes. A cold causes a more abundant secretion of mucus, and when the lungs and bronchial tubes are inflamed, they are extremely sensitive to the irritation. Unless care is taken, the cold may result in pneumonia, which is a very serious disease. If the cold is a lingering one, the more leisurely but equally fatal consumption may set in. Do not neglect a cold or cough. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It cures coughs, and cures quickly. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; Warriss Ltd., General Agents.

TELEGRAMS.

['CHINA MAIL'S' EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
NOTIFIED BY BEUTLER, via HONGKONG.

THE SINEWS OF WAR.

JAPAN LOOKS TO HER FINANCE

Drawing on the China Indemnity.

LONDON, December 30.

The *Standard's* correspondent at Tokio states that the Japan Government has authorized the Treasurer to draw upon an Emergency fund of the Yen 50,000,000, the nucleus of which was the war indemnity paid by China.

Portion of the fund will be utilised for war purposes if necessary, and on the Seoul-Fusan railway for construction and protection purposes.

[It was announced by Reuters yesterday that an extraordinary meeting of the Japanese Privy Council had been called to discuss the question of drawing upon the fund. Up to the present the China war indemnity has only been used for special purposes.—E. C. M.]

THE 'KING ALFRED'

SAILS FOR CHINA WITH RELIEFS.

LONDON, December 30.

The first-class armoured cruiser *King Alfred* has been inspected at Portsmouth prior to her departure for the China Station with relief crews.

[The *King Alfred* was one of the vessels provided for in the 1900-1901 programme and was built at Barrow. She is of the *Drake* class, and consequently a sister ship to the *Leviathan*, already on this station. The *King Alfred* is of 14,100 tons displacement and 500 feet long. She has 6 in. broadside armour, and carries two 9.2 in. and twelve 6 in. guns. Her speed is 23 knots.—E. C. M.]

TRANSVAAL LABOUR PROBLEM.

EFFORT TO LEGALISE CHINESE.

A Motion Before the Council.

LONDON, December 30.

Sir George Farrar has introduced a motion in the Transvaal Legislative Council in favour of the importation of Chinese labour to work in the mines.

The Attorney-General, Mr H. F. Blaine, delivered a speech in support of the motion.

The debate has been adjourned.

AMERICA'S BENEVOLENT NEUTRALITY.

WHAT JAPAN COUNTS UPON.

LONDON, December 30.

The New York correspondent of the *Times* thinks that Japan has some reason to count upon the benevolent neutrality of America in the event of trouble with Russia.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE WAR CLOUD.

LONDON, December 28.

Russia has ordered lbs. 1,500,000 of meat from Cadbury & Co., South Omaha, and lbs. 1,500,000 from Armour & Co., Kansas City, to be delivered in San Francisco by the end of January.

Reuters' Tokyo Agency wires that an extraordinary meeting of the Japanese Privy Council has approved of the issue of Emergency Ordinance. The Council purposes expediting work on the Seoul-Fusan railway and providing possible military expenses for the protection of the railway and other interests.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

The Russian orders for Meat are part of an order for lbs. 3,000,000 given from Vladivostok to the agent of Getz & Co.

Some of the English newspapers are urging the Government to unhesitatingly draw the sword for Japan should war break out, but the majority recommend calm and extreme watchfulness.

What is Pain Balm?

CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN BALM is a liniment and while adapted to all the ordinary uses of a liniment, has qualities which distinguish it from other remedies of this class. Pain Balm is especially beneficial for rheumatism. Thousands of cases can be cited in which it has effected a cure when the sufferer had previously tried the best medical service without securing relief. Pain Balm is positively guaranteed to give relief in the most severe cases of chronic or acute rheumatism. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; Warriss Ltd., General Agents.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE, KOWLOON.

Annual Meeting.

At the Seamen's Institute, Kowloon, the annual meeting in connection with St. Peter's Seamen's Church, West Point, was held. Before the meeting was opened a large number of friends, including representatives from the Mercantile Marine and Navy, disposed of an enjoyable meal, assisted by the lady friends, who have worked so hard to secure their comfort during the Christmas season. And last night was no exception to the rule, for the ladies worked strenuously to provide the sailors with a comfortable and pleasing time. After the tea the annual meeting was held. Rev. Admiral Robinson, R.N., occupied the chair, and on the platform were the Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Res. J. H. France and T. Wright. The choir of St. Peter's Church were also in attendance and their singing during the evening was heartily appreciated by the audience. The report as presented by Rev. T. Wright showed that good work had been done at the Church, the Institute, and among the sailors in the harbour. Although the results were not as good as they would have liked them to be, still they had done some excellent work. The senior Chaplain was away in England during the greater part of the year, and the burden of the work had fallen on the junior chaplain, who, although he had received able assistance, was not able to do as much work as would have been done if both the chaplains were here. The finances were in rather an unsatisfactory condition, as the balance against the Institute now stood at \$500. The sailors who visited the port substantially subscribed to the funds of the Institute, and the Captains of the various vessels were beginning to acknowledge that the Seamen's Institute had the sailors' welfare at heart. Visits paid to the ships in the harbour numbered 2670, and on every occasion they were heartily welcomed. Good work on a larger scale would be done if the Institute were enlarged, said the Rev. gentleman in conclusion. Address were also delivered by Rear-Admiral Robinson and Mr H. E. Pollock, and recitations and solos wound up a very pleasant evening.

SANITARY BOARD.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board held to-day at 4.15 p.m., Mr. Hewett, pursuant to notice, asked—

(1) With regard to the discussion which took place at the meeting of the Sanitary Board on the 17th instant as to the definition of 'External Air' will the President be good enough to lay before the Board a memorandum showing the difference which existed between the definition as put forward by the Sub-Committee and adopted by the Sanitary Board and that now embodied in the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance of 1903 (No. 1 of 1903) and passed at the Legislative Council Meeting on the 14th instant?

This information is asked for as the objects and reasons of the amended Bill require a new definition of the expression 'External Air' to be substituted in order to give effect to the Board's recommendation. The Public Health and Buildings Ordinance's definition of external air differs from the Board's definition of external air in the following respects:—(a.) The Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance's definition requires an open space in all cases to be 13 inches wide, and to extend parallel to the building for at least five feet. (b.) The Board's definition allows an open space which extends along the side of an existing building and is eight feet wide, to count as external air. A diagram was placed on the table explaining clearly the difference between the two definitions.

(2.) With regard to the above amended Ordinance will the President be good enough to explain to the Board the exact meaning of the definition of 'External Air' as shown in Subsection No. 16 of Part I?

Answer: This question is answered by the Diagram.

(1.) With reference to the answer given at the last meeting to my question No. 4, will the Vice-President be pleased to quote the Section (if any) in the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, under which he, as the Building Authority, is empowered to authorize Sanitary Inspectors to enter and inspect domestic buildings for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not they are otherwise of 'building nuisances'?

Answer: Section 227 of Ordinance 1 of 1903.

(2.) Will the Secretary be pleased to state under which of the provisions of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, No. 1 of 1903, or under what authority, notices for the abatement of 'building nuisances' are being made out in the office of the Sanitary Board instead of the office of the Building Authority?

Answer: No authority is required for the making out of notices or for the service of such. The making out and service of notices by the Sanitary Department are in departmental arrangements.

(3.) Will the Secretary be pleased to state under what authority or standing order (if any) Sanitary Inspectors are engaged in serving notices for the abatement of 'building nuisances' and in attending the Police Court to prove the existence of such nuisances, on behalf of the Building Authority?

CRICKET.

The following teams will play in the Match H. K. C. O. v. The Navy to-morrow and Saturday:—H. K. C. O.: H. Arthur, J. T. Dixon, William Dixon, Major A. A. Chichester, J. Hancock, R. Hancock, F. Maitland, T. Sercombe Smith, W. C. D. Turner, A. G. Ward and A. N. other.

The Navy: Sub-Lt. J. O. Barron, F. M. Broadbent, Sub-Lt. Corbett, Sub-Lt. Gibson, Capt. Harris, R. M. A. F. L. Horney, P. H. Irwin, Staff-Surg. E. Madden, Lieut. Vivian, Comdr. Watson and M. O. Williams.

Play will commence at 11 a.m. to-morrow and at 12 noon on Saturday. By the kindness of the Captain and officers, a Naval Band will play a selection to-morrow afternoon.

PRESENTATION CUP.

Another cup has been presented to the Cricketers' Club by Mr E. R. Bellies, C.M.G., to be competed for on the same conditions as the previous one, which was presented by him in 1898. The cup must be won twice in succession, or three times in all, and is given for the best batting average of the season. That cup was won by the present captain of the Cricketers' Club.

WEATHER WARNINGS.

New Signal Code.

To-day is the last occasion on which the present typhoon signals will do duty, for from January 1st the code now in force at Shanghai will come into operation here. They will be hoisted on the mast beside the time ball at Kowloon Point for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply bad weather is expected. The signals are as follows:—

A cone point upwards indicates a typhoon to the North of the Colony.

A cone point downwards and drum below indicates a typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

A drum indicates a typhoon to the East of the Colony.

A cone point downwards and drum below indicates a typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

A cone point downwards indicates a typhoon to the South of the Colony.

A cone point downwards and ball below indicates a typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

A ball indicates a typhoon to the West of the Colony.

A cone point upwards and ball below indicates a typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

The signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving harbour.

The lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to veer.

Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate bad weather the Colony and that the wind is expected to veer.

The signals are repeated on the flagstaff of the time ball at Kowloon, and on H. M. S. *Receiving Ship*.

The Colony itself is warned of approaching typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

STABBING CASE IN WELLINGTON ST.

In Wellington Street, last night, all was bustle and excitement. An American, named A. Shellen, was on the varpath with a bowie. He started in Jervois Street by stabbing a Chinaman under the right arm, but the wound inflicted was only slight.

From Jervois Street he dashed into Wellington Street, and entered a bootshop, in which Wong Shing was employed. The bowie-knife was then in the American's hand, and he swung his arm round to strike Wong Shing. Wong Shing endeavored to dodge the blow by putting his hand up.

The knife, however, cut the top of his finger and entered the right side of the neck, causing a large gash, from which the blood flowed copiously. Shellen rushed out of the shop, evidently satisfied with the injury done to the Chinaman, but when efforts were made to secure him he stood at bay in a doorway, brandishing the gory weapon, from which the blood was dripping.

A crowd quickly gathered, but all seemed afraid to close in on the infuriated American. Whistles were blown for the police and Constable Rutledge responded to the call. He arrived on the spot, closely followed by Constable 76. Grasping the situation at a glance, Constable Rutledge struck the almost maddened man a blow on the arm, which enabled Constable 76 to dash in and seize him. After disarming him the Constables escorted him to the station, where he was charged.

The American was in a drunken, frenzied condition, and after being a few minutes in the charge room, he fell backwards, as though unconscious. He revived later on, and was locked up for the night.

Wong Shing, the man who was stabbed in the neck, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where his wounds were dressed. Blood was streaming from the slash he had received in his neck, and he was in a fainting condition. After his wound was stitched up, he recovered somewhat, and this morning was able to appear at the Magistrate's.

CANTON LEPEERS' FUND.

'China Mail's' Subscription List.

We would remind generous readers that we are prepared to receive, acknowledge, and despatch to Dr Beattie, of Canton, any contributions forwarded towards a fund for the alleviation of the sufferings of the lepers at Canton.

Already acknowledged ... \$255.80
Dr Beattie writes to ask us to explain that the contribution from Canton acknowledged some days ago as from the Pansoo Community should have been from Pansoo Friends. Four gentlemen sent in the contribution.

CRICKET LEAGUE.

CRICKETERS' CLUB, A.O.C.

The above match will take place on Saturday, the 2nd January, at 2.15 p.m., on the Ground of the former Club, which will be represented by R. Bass, L. E. Lammeri, A. O. Brown, E. R. Horton, J. D. Kinnaird, R. Pestonji, J. Craik, J. L. Stuart, M. E. Asger, L. A. Rose and R. Houghton.

A League Match will be played on the Pansoo ground at Happy Valley on Saturday, January 2, against the Hongkong C. C. 'A' team. The following will play for the Pansoo Club:—A. B. Conper (Captain), J. M. Master, K. D. Mistry, B. K. Mehta, J. A. Chingoy, J. H. Ruttenjoe, J. Noria, J. Mehta, D. R. Captain, M. D. Van's, C. B. Mobernala.

LEAGUE TABLE.				
Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts.
A.O.C.	8	7	1	21
Civil Service	6	5	1	16
Cricketgrounders	3	2	2	11
R.E.	5	2	3	6
Tamar	5	2	3	6
R.M.C.	5	2	3	6
H.K.C.C.'A	2	4	—	4
Pansoo	4	—	4	—

LATE TELEGRAMS.

Cholera at Kerbella.

Bombay, December 15.—The Political Resident at Baghdad telegraphs that cholera in epidemic form has broken out at Kerbella, and that there are rumours of the death of fifty or sixty per diem. A quarantine cordon has been established round Baghdad.

The Transvaal Bazaar Act.

LONDON, December 15.—The Colonial Secretary referred to in yesterday's *Pretoria* news the Transvaal Colonial Secretary, who proposed to grant certain trading concessions to Indians who are British subjects.

Besides the opposition thereto, there is a strong agitation for the withdrawal of unconditional licences granted since the war.

The Indian merchants are determined to fight the licence question to the end; and, in consequence, the Council in charge, they propose to suspend the licence for a time.

Lord Lamington's Arrival at Bombay.

Bombay, December 12.—The new Governor of Bombay, Lord Lamington, with Lady Lamington and their two children, arrived at Bombay this morning by the new P. & O. steamer *Mongolia*.

His Lordship was accorded a reception worthy of the city and reflecting the dignity of the new Governor. The distinguished gathering on the Apollo Bunder included members of the Government, heads of departments, and high naval and military officials, the show of uniforms and dresses being brilliant.

Lord Lamington was received with a salute of seventeen guns, and was presented with an address by the Municipal Corporation. In reply, His Excellency promised to give the attention of the Government to the questions of medical relief, over-crowding, and plague measures.

It would be his endeavour to follow up the good work of Lord Northcote, the close of whose term of office had been marked by growing prosperity and a conquest of the famine.

Afterwards, the new Governor drove through the native city to Government House. Troops lined the main thoroughfares, and there was plenty of enthusiasm.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 31st at 11.45a. The depression lying over NE. Japan yesterday is slowly moving away over the Pacific.

The barometer continues to over the China coast owing to the depression lying over N. China.

Pressure is highest over W. Japan. The monsoon is interrupted in the North and in the Formosa Channel. Moderate monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—E. or variable winds, moderate to light; fine.

To-day's Advertisements

THE 'SHIRE' LINE.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship 'SHIRE' will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, 4th January, 1904.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON, ANTWERP AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship 'DENEIGHSHIRE' will be despatched for the above ports on or about FRIDAY, the 15th January; to be followed by the Steamship 'RADNORSHIRE'.

FOR FREIGHT OR PASSAGE, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1903. 2579

To-day's Advertisements

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from Stonecutters Island on the 6th and 8th proximo, in a South-Westerly direction, at ranges from 600 to 4,500 yards and from Lymanus Sub-district on the 8th proximo in the direction of the entrance to Junk Bay at ranges from 600 to 4,500 yards.

If the weather is unfavourable on either of the above dates, Practice will take place on the 11th January.

Practice will commence at 9 a.m. on the 6th and 8th proximo, and at 9.30 a.m. on the 9th proximo, and end at 11 a.m. daily, if the range is clear.

By Command,

A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, December 30, 1903. 2335

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr STEPHAN EDUARD WARNEREN in our Firm ceased on the 30th of JUNE last, by mutual agreement.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, December 31, 1903. 2334

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

THE Company's Steamship 'THALES' will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 3rd January, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAIRDALE & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 31, 1903. 2338

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, ADEN, INDOU, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX.

Also PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 12th January, 1904, at 1 p.m., the Company's Steamship ANANIM, Captain GIBARD, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, Via Ports of Call, WITPORT, TRANSVAAL.

This Steamer connects at Colombo with the Australian Line's *Calendonia*, bound for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY and ADEN.

Calendonia and *Specie* will be registered for London as well as for MARSEILLES, and accepted in transit through MARSEILLES for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till Noon only, on Monday, the 11th January, Specie and Parcela received until 4 p.m. on the same day. No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and value of packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

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JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL
EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST
AFRICAN, JAPAN, AND SUMATRA PORTS.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMER	DATE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	NESTOR	1st January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	NESTOR	8th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KINROSS	14th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PIGMEY	22nd January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MOYNE	28th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	GLAUCUS	2nd February.

The S.S. NESTOR left Singapore on 28th inst., and is due here on 1st January.

HOMWARDS.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	DARDANUS	1st January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	YAGOTZE	19th January.
LIVERPOOL, with TRANSHIPMENT	NESTOR	1st January.
AT SINGAPORE	NESTOR	2nd February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	KINROSS	14th February.
GLASGOW, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	KINROSS	14th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MOYNE	1st March.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and ALL PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via N.K.I. KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	PIGMEY	24th January.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
LOHLO	WUJIANG	2nd January.
KOBE	TAIWAN	5th January.
MANILA	SUNGIANG	8th January.
MANILA	TAIWAN	23rd January.

PT. DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND,
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Hongkong, December 31, 1903.

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NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD, HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID
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PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON
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STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND
PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.
N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES
IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers	Sailing Dates.
KIAUTSCHOU	WEDNESDAY, 6th Jan.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 20th Jan.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 27th Jan.
GERA	WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb.
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Mar.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar.
HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 13th April.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of January, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship
KIAUTSCHOU, of the HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Captain BEHRENS, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above,
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Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on Monday, the 4th January, Cargo
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and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on Tuesday, the 5th
January.

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The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA
via
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamers	Tons	Captains	To Sail
LYRA	4417	J. V. William	January 30.
OLYMPIA	2837	A. Dixon	February 11.
SHAWMUT	9806	W. M. Smith	February 19.
TACOMA	2812	M. Bailey	February 26.
VICTORIA	3692	J. Trubridge	March 16.

* Have no second class accommodation. † Cargo only.

FOR MANILA.

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WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE

NAME	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS
YAMA, VISHAI, MOJI & KOBÉ (passing through the INLAND SEA).	Palermo	About 1st January.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	G. FRUIT	About 2nd January.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	F. R. SCHMIDT	Noon, 2nd January.	See Special Advertisement.
SINGAPORE & BOMBAY	T. W. KENNEDY, D.S.E.	About 6th January.	Freight only.
LONDON & ANTWERP, via Suez, PANAMA, COLON, PORT SAID & MARSEILLES.	C. E. LOCKHART, D.S.E.	About 7th January.	Freight and Passage.

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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
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PERLA	1880	A. H. Naylor		

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Hongkong, December 26, 1903.

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BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMER	LEAVING
ANPING, via SWATOW AND AMOY.	MAIDZURU MARU	SUNDAY, 3rd January, 1904.
TAMSU, via SWATOW AND AMOY.	DAIGI MARU	TUESDAY, 5th January, 1904.
FOOCHOW, via SWATOW AND AMOY.	T. W. GROVES	SUNDAY, 10th January, 1904.
TAMSU, via SWATOW, AND AMOY.	ANPING MARU	TUESDAY, 12th January, 1904.
	DAIJIN MARU	TUESDAY, 19th January, 1904.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South
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T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, December 30, 1903.

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JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

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TOIPANAS	JAVA PORTS via MACASSAR.	January 5 First half of February.	SHANGHAI AND JAPAN.	January 9, First half of February.
TJILATJAP	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
TJIMAH	KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	First half of January	JAVA PORTS AND MACASSAR.	First half of January.

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Shipping.

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DOUGLAS LARAILL,
General Manager
Hongkong, December 30, 1903.

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STRAITS, OCEAN, AUST.

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January, at Noon, taking Pass-
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will be transhipped at Colon
steamer proceeding direct to Man-
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be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at
Colon 4 p.m. the day before
contents and value of all
required.

Shippers are particularly re-
quested to note the terms and conditions of
company's Bills of Lading.

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E. A. HEWITT,
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Hongkong, December 21, 1903.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY &
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THE Company's Steamship
HAILONG,
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January, at Noon.

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Hongkong, December 30, 1903.

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Captain BRENNER, will leave
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Hongkong, December 30, 1903.

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Hongkong, December 24, 1903.

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A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

December 31, 1903.